

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FIFTH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD CONTEST
2015 Contest Rules and Registration Form

1. Fill out the entry form and return it to the Emporia Public Library by Monday December 7, 2015 by mail, fax, email (scanned with signature) or hand delivery. To be eligible for the contest, a signed and completed entry form must be received. Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted.
2. All contest entries must arrive at the Emporia Public Library on WEDNESDAY , DECEMBER 9 between 4 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
3. Entries must remain on display at the library from Thursday Dec. 10, 2015 through Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 5 p.m. The library reserves the right not to exhibit entries deemed inappropriate or those that deteriorate.
4. The entire display must be mounted on a base (preferably plywood) enabling it to be freestanding. The base will be no larger than 24" X 24". No decorations (icing or others) may be on the sides of the base. Electric lighting will NOT be permitted. ,
5. Submit a 3"x 5" card with your name, address, telephone number and email address on the UNDERSIDE of the base. The library will display your name and age/category division next to each entry.
6. The entire display except for the base must be made of edible materials. Entries must be constructed mainly of gingerbread and icing with unwrapped candy and other edible materials which could include candies, nuts, cereal, cookies, crackers, pasta and any other food item to decorate the entry. Entries may use lollipops with paper or plastic stems, sticks, etc. Styroform and other support materials are not permitted. Gingerbread "houses" can also be barns, birdhouses, lighthouses, airplanes or any other imaginative dwellings. The exception to this will be the Youth under 12 division; theirs may be made of any edible material and they may use kits if they desire.
7. The competition is open to anyone. The categories for 2015 will be Youth (ages under 12), Youth (ages 12-17), Adult (Age 18 and older) , Group (Scouts, School class, Family, etc.) , and a Professional division. The prize for each category will be: Friends Choice Award Winner \$100 (this will be judged by the Friends and this year we are basing our choice on how well a literary "place" is depicted), People's Choice Award Winner \$100, Youth Award Winner (under 12) \$25, (Youth Award Winner (ages 12-17) \$50, Adult Award Winner \$50, Group Award Winner \$75, and Professional Winner \$100.
8. Entries will be judged after all entries have been received and will not be announced until the end of the contest. The People's Choice Award is awarded to one entry and will be selected by patron voting December 10- 13. Winners will be notified by phone and prize money will be awarded at the December Friends of the Library board meeting. ALL DECISIONS BY THE JUDGES ARE FINAL. .
9. Entries will be judged on overall appearance, choice and use of materials, difficulty of design and by popular vote.
10. The Emporia Public Library and the Friends of the Library reserve the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes.

Entries must be picked up at the library between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015. Unclaimed entries will be discarded on Tuesday, December 15, 2015.